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REF: (A) BEIRUT 986 (B) STATE 29740

1. LET ME TAKE THE JOINT OCCASION OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AND VALENTINE'S DAY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO MY CABLE. THE PROCEDURE YOU MENTION FOR THIS YEAR'S PRECEPTS TO THE SELECTION BOARDS IS UNDERSTANABLE, AND I AM SURE MEMBERS OF THE BEIRUT STAFF WILL RECEIVED DUE CONSIDERATION FOR THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY SERVE. BY SEPT 30 WE ARE SUBMITTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERITORIOUS IN-STEP INCREASES OF ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SERVED HERE IN RECENT MONTHS, INCLUDING THOSE EVACUATED IN THE LAST EVACUATION. THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO MORE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS REQUIRING DEPARTMENTAL ACTION.

2. I HAVE ALSO BEEN GRATIFIED BY RECENT EVIDENCE OF CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY CA/FS TO BEIRUT EMPLOYEE PREFERENCES REGARDING ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS. AT LEAST ONE SECRETARY HERE WAS RECENTLY OVERJOYED TO LEARN SHE WAS BEING GRANTED HER FIRST PREFERENCE, AND THIS HAS ALREADY DONE MUCH FOR MORALE AMONG THOSE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF UP FOR REASSIGNMENT THIS YEAR.

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3. WE CAN ALSO LIVE WITH A CONTINUED TWO-YEAR TOUR POLICY

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AS LONG AS REQUESTS FOR CURTAILMENT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE
DEPARTMENT'S SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.
VISITATION TRAVEL WILL HELP A GREAT DEAL AND SO
WILL DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING SUPPORT IN HELPING US
AMELIORATE THE
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE IN BEIRUT FOR ALL
CLASSES OF PERSONNEL, MARRIED OR SINGLE.

4. IT WILL BE GRATIFYING TO US TO LEARN WHAT MEASURES OTHER
AGENCIES ARE PLANNING TO TAKE FOR THEIR PERSONNEL AT THIS
POST.

5. I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO PASS MY THANKS TO THE CHIEF OF
PERSONNEL OPERATIONS AND ALL THOSE OFFICERS IN PERSONNEL
WHO ARE BEING SO HELPFUL IN ADMINISTERING THE VARIOUS
MEASURES YOU HAVE AUTHORIZED. WARM REGARDS.
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